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## CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OUTPUT IMPROVES

A new brick and tile plant has been put into operation in Leninakan. The plant has a yearly production capacity of 500,000 bricks and one million tiles.

The "Promet" Plant in Leningrad has produced the first test model of a new press for forming silica brick. The press weighs 26 tons and has a capacity of 3,000 pieces per hour.

Reconstruction of the Kokchetav Brick Plant, one of the largest on the Karaganda Railroad System, has begun. A molding shop and drying room are being built. The plant will be completely mechanized, thereby releasing 200 workers. After modernization, the plant's capacity will be doubled.

The Primorskiy Kray Construction Materials Industry fulfilled the 5-month plan for production of roofing tile 154 percent, but has still not satisfied the demand for this product. This year, the tile produced by the industry's Brick and Tile Plant No 4 is being shipped to Artem, Ugol'naya Station, and Vladivostok. Other enterprises in the industry are not working satisfactorily. Tile shops in brick plants No 2 and 7 are not producing tile on a sufficiently wide scale.

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The Administration of Industrial Cooperatives, Kray Local Industry, and the Agricultural Administration are not meeting plans for construction of new tile plants and shops. In order to meet the need, tile output must be sharply increased and new plants produced. The tile shop in Brick Plant No 4 must be expanded in order to double output, and new shops must be constructed in Brick Plants No 2 and 7. The Kray Construction Materials Laboratory must organize strict control over the quality of tile produced and assist plants in improving technology. Tests should be carried out in Plant No 4 on making tile from grey refractory clay, of which there are large supplies in the kray. Tile from this type of clay is distinguished by its durability, extreme water and frost resistance, and excellent color.

Finally, directors of plants and shops must give particular attention to training of personnel. Plant No 4, which has made considerable achievements in improving the technology of tile production, should organize training courses for production foremen on a kray level.

BRICK PLANTS TRANSFERRED TO UNION CONTROL -- Vedomosti Verkhnogo Soveta SSSR, No 37, 29 Jul 49

The following dry pressed brick plants are transferred from the Ministry of Construction Materials RSFSR to the Ministry of Construction Materials USSR: Odintsovo Brick Plant in Moscow Oblast, Afoninskiy Brick Plant in Gor'kiy Oblast, Kazan' K-14 Brick Plant, Saratov Brick Plant, Rostov Brick Plant No 2, Taganrog Brick Plant, Sverdlovsk "Novostroy" Brick Plant, Chkalov Brick Plant, Molotov "Krasnyy stroytel'" Brick Plant, Khabarovsk Brick Plant No 1, Armavir Brick Plant and Popov Experimental Plant of Dry Pressed Brick in Leningrad Oblast.

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